GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3315
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HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-powered committee has been set up to decide cases of those licence-holder companies who have asked for relief or where there are ambiguities in the interpretation of the clauses in the licence agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the committee is likely to submit its recommendations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Sir, an Empowered Committee was constituted on 1st July, 1998 in the Department of Telecommunications. The Committee consists of all permanent members of Telecom Commission as Members and Chairman, Telecom Commission as Chairman. The Committee is constituted to resolve various issues relating to the licences of Basic and Value Added Telecom Services.

(c) This is a Standing Committee. The issues are considered by the Committee and decisions taken as and when these arise.